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Local road receives upgrades to promote economic development

LANSING – A portion of State Street in Middleville will be reconstructed and widened allowing it to become a designated truck route, announced Sen. Patty Birkholz, R-Saugatuck Township.

Metaldyne Machining & Assembly Company is located on State Street, which is not currently wide enough to handle the truck traffic generated by Metaldyne and Sequoia Industries, a business operating within the Metaldyne building. State Street also is severely deteriorated and not an all-season road, forcing trucks to use adjacent residential streets.

The road reconstruction project is being financed in part by a Transportation Economic Development Fund grant.

“For our local companies to stay open, the roads they use must be in favorable conditions or the businesses will be forced to locate elsewhere,” Birkholz said. “I am pleased to see Middleville receive this grant that will help keep Metaldyne here in the community and employing our local residents.”

Metaldyne does precision machining projects for the automotive industry. It is investing in new equipment and hiring 64 new employees to work on these projects. Metaldyne had considered doing these projects at a new facility in Ohio but the commitment from Middleville to improve infrastructure kept them in Michigan.

Sequoia will be doing precision machining work for Metaldyne and will be creating 39 jobs.

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